

## Statement Advocating a Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban

On July 29 the Soviet Union announced a moratorium on nuclear testing, beginning August 6 until the end of the year, after which time the moratorium would continue only if the United States were to join in.

On the same day the United States declined to join the moratorium.

However, the U.S. has nothing to lose and potentially much to gain by declaring a temporary moratorium with the option of extending it into a permanent, bilateral ban on nuclear weapons testing.

We urge the U.S. to reconsider, and join with the Soviets in ceasing nuclear tests while negotiating a total ban on all such tests for all time.